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In re Application of: )  
Kevin Larson )  
For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH )  
CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND )  
EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT )  
FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE )  
ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH )  
AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE )  
COMPONENT THEREOF )  
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